Mammoth Creek Forest Stewardship Plan



Appendix F – Soil Descriptions

P49: Frandsen loam, 1 to 15 percent slopes

The Frandsen soil is very deep and well drained. It occurs on dissected alluvial fans and mountain foot slopes in the east central part of the Cedar City Ranger District and the southwestern part of the Escalante Ranger District. The soil formed in alluvium and colluvium derived dominantly from sandstone, limestone and shale. Slopes are concave to convex in shape and are medium in length. The present vegetation in most areas is mainly black sagebrush and grasses. Elevation is 7,300 to 8,500 feet. The average annual precipitation is 14 to 16 inches, the average annual air temperature is 40 to 44 degrees F., and the freeze-free period is 70 to 100 days.

Typically, the surface layer is light brownish gray loam about 3 inches thick. The underlying material to a depth of 60 inches or more is light brown, pinkish gray, and pale brown loam. In some small areas the surface layer is stony loam and the potential plant community includes big sagebrush.

Included in this unit are about 10 percent Evanston loam in lower lying areas on alluvial fans and 5 percent Codley silt loam that has slopes of 2 to 5 percent and is on valley plains.

Permeability of the Frandsen soil is moderate. Available water capacity is 9 to 10 inches. Effective rooting depth is 60 inches or more. The organic matter content of the surface layer is 1 to 3 percent. Runoff is medium, and the hazard of water erosion is moderate.

This unit is used as rangeland and wildlife habitat.

P162: Wiggler - Guben complex, 25 to 50 percent slopes

This map unit is on mountainsides in the vicinity of Mammoth and Asay Creeks. Slopes are convex and are medium in length. The present vegetation in most areas is ponderosa pine, shrubs, and grasses. Elevation is 7,600 to 8,300 feet. The average annual precipitation is 16 to 18 inches, the average annual air temperature is 38 to 42 degrees F., and the freeze-free period is 50 to 75 days.

This unit is 45 percent Wiggler very cobbly loam, 25 to 50 percent slopes; 40 percent Guben very gravelly loam, 25 to 50 percent slopes; and 15 percent other soils. The components of this map unit are so intricately intermingled that it was not practical to map them separately at the scale used.

Included in this unit are about 10 percent Podo very gravelly loam that has slopes of 10 to 50 percent and is on areas adjacent to Rock outcrop and 5 percent Rock outcrop and Badland.

The Wiggler soil is shallow and well drained. It formed in residuum and colluvium derived dominantly from shale. Typically, the surface layer is gray very cobbly loam about 7 inches thick. The upper part of the underlying material is light gray loam 5 inches thick, and the lower part to a depth of 19 inches is light gray clay loam. Weathered shale is at a depth of 19 inches. Depth to shale ranges from 8 to 20 inches.

Permeability of the Wiggler soil is moderate. Available water capacity is 3.5 to 5.5 inches. Effective rooting depth is 8 to 20 inches. The organic matter content of the surface layer is 0.5 to 2.0 percent. Runoff is medium, and the hazard of water erosion is moderate.

The Guben soil is very deep and well drained. It formed in alluvium derived dominantly from sandstone and limestone. Typically, the surface layer is brown gravelly loam about 8 inches thick. The subsoil is very pale brown very gravelly loam 7 inches thick. The upper 21 inches of the substratum is very pale brown very gravelly loam, and the lower part to a depth of 60 inches or more is very pale brown very gravelly loam.

Permeability of the Guben soil is moderate. Available water capacity is 4 to 5 inches. Effective rooting depth is 60 inches or more. The organic matter content of the surface layer is 2 to 4 percent. Runoff is medium, and the hazard of water erosion is moderate.

This unit is used as rangeland, woodland, and wildlife habitat.

229: Skyview - Syrett families complex, 0 to 30 percent slopes

This map unit is on nearly level to moderately steep benches and sideslopes on the Markagunt Plateau on the Cedar City Ranger District. The present vegetation is mainly ponderosa pine. Slope is 0 to 30 percent. Elevation is 7,500 to 8,400 feet. The average annual precipitation is 16 to 22 inches, the mean annual air temperature is 36 to 42 degrees F., and the freeze-free period is 50 to 80 days.

This unit is 45 percent Skyview soils on benches, 40 percent Syrett soils on benches, sideslopes, and toeslopes, and 15 percent other soils. The components of this unit are so intricately intermingled that it was not practical to map them separately at the scale used.

Included in this unit are about 5 percent of Paunsaugunt soils, 5 percent soils similar to Skyview but shallow over limestone bedrock, and 5 percent limestone rock outcrop, all of which typically occur on edges of benches and on steeper sideslopes.

The Skyview soil is moderately deep and well-drained. It formed in residuum weathered from limestone. Typically, the surface layer is brown silt loam about 8 inches thick. The upper 6 inches of the subsoil is brown very gravelly silty clay loam. The lower 11 inches is brown very cobbly silty clay loam. Limestone bedrock is at a depth of 25 inches. Rock fragments cover 10 to 40 percent of the surface and are mostly gravel. Depth to bedrock ranges from 20 to 40 inches. Rock fragments cover about 0 to 40 percent of the surface and are mostly gravels.

Permeability of the Skyview soil is moderately slow. Available water capacity is 2.5 to 6 inches. Effective routing depth is 20 to 40 inches. The organic matter content of the surface layer is 1 to 3 percent. Runoff is high and the hazard of water erosion is moderately low.

The Syrett soil is very deep and well-drained. It formed in residuum and colluvium derived from limestone bedrock. Typically the soil is grayish brown and light brownish gray very gravelly loam to a depth of 60 inches. Rock fragments cover 5 to 60 percent of the surface and are mostly gravels.

Permeability of the Syrett soil is moderate. Available water capacity to a depth of 60 inches is about 4.5 to 7 inches. Effective rooting depth is 60 inches or more. The organic matter content of the surface layer is 1 to 3 percent. Runoff is medium and the hazard of water erosion is moderately low.

This unit is used mainly for timber production. It is also used for watershed, wildlife habitat and recreation.

236: Buffmeyer - Rogert - Sawpit families complex, 30 to 60 percent slopes

This map unit is on steep hillslopes, canyon sideslopes and plateau sideslopes of the Markagunt Plateau on the Cedar City Ranger District. The present vegetation is mainly a mixed conifer forest. Slope is 30 to 60 percent. Elevation is 7,000 to 10,000 feet. The average annual precipitation is 20 to 35 inches, the mean annual air temperature is 34 to 42 degrees F., and the freeze-free period is 30 to 80 days.

This unit is 45 percent Buffmeyer soils on midslope areas, 20 percent Rogert soils on ridges and south and west aspects, 20 percent Sawpit soils on toeslopes and concave sideslopes and 15 percent other soils. The components of this unit are so intricately intermingled that if was not practical to map them separately at the scale used.

Included in this unit is about 10 percent Pachic Argicryolls fine-loamy and loamy-skeletal and 5 percent limestone rock outcrop.

The Buffmeyer soil is moderately deep and well-drained. It formed in residuum derived from limestone. Typically, the soil is 20 to 40 inches deep over bedrock. The surface layer is dark brown gravelly loam about 2 inches thick. The subsoil is reddish brown very gravelly clay loam about 22 inches thick. The lower 16 inches of the subsoil is calcareous. Limestone bedrock is at a depth of about 24 inches. Rock fragments cover 60 to 80 percent of the surface and are mostly gravels and cobbles.

Permeability of the Buffmeyer soil is moderately slow. Available water capacity is 1.5 to 4.5 inches. Effective rooting depth is 20 to 40 inches. The organic matter content of the surface layer is 1 to 3 percent. Runoff is very high and the hazard of water erosion is moderately high.

The Rogert soil is shallow and somewhat excessively drained. If formed in residuum and colluvium derived from limestone. Typically, the soil is 10 to 20 inches deep over bedrock. The surface layer is brown very gravelly silt loam about 12 inches thick. The substratum is light brown very gravelly loam about 4 inches thick. Fractured limestone bedrock is at a depth of 16 inches. Rock fragments cover 40 to 70 percent of the surface and are mostly gravels.

Permeability of the Rogert soil is moderately slow. Available water capacity is 1 to 2.5 inches. Effective rooting depth is 10 to 20 inches. The organic matter content of the surface layer is 1 to 3 percent. Runoff is very high and the hazard of water erosion is moderately high.

The Sawpit soil is moderately deep and well-drained. It formed in residuum and colluvium derived from limestone. Typically, the soil is 20 to 40 inches deep over bedrock. The surface layer is grayish brown gravelly silt loam about 10 inches thick. The substratum is brown extremely gravelly silt loam about 14 inches thick. Fractured limestone bedrock is at a depth of 24 inches. Rock fragments cover 50 to 90 percent of the surface. Rock fragments range from 35 to 70 percent in the substratum.

Permeability of the Sawpit soil is moderately slow. Available water capacity is 2 to 5 inches. Effective rooting depth is 20 to 40 inches. The organic matter content of the surface layer is 2 to 3 percent. Runoff is very high and the hazard of water erosion is moderately high.

This unit is used mainly for timber production. It is also used for wildlife habitat, watershed, and recreation.

282: Tolman, dry family - Rock outcrop complex, 15 to 40 percent slopes

This map unit is on moderately steep to steep hillslopes in the central and northeastern parts of the Cedar City Ranger District. The present vegetation is dominantly pinyon and juniper. Slope is 15 to 40 percent. Elevation is 7,200 to 8,100 feet. The average annual precipitation is 12 to 14 inches, the mean annual air temperature is 38 to 44 degrees F., and the freeze-free period is 90 to 110 days.

This unit is 60 percent Tolman soils, 20 percent rock outcrop, and 20 percent other soils. The components of this unit are so intricately intermingled that it was not practical to map them separately at the scale used.

Included in this unit are 10 percent Waltershow soils and 10 percent Zillman soils.

The Tolman soil is shallow and somewhat excessively drained. It formed in residuum and colluvium derived from intermediate volcanic rocks. Typically, the surface layer is grayish brown very gravelly loam about 6 inches thick. The subsoil is brown very gravelly sandy clay loam underlain by bedrock at a depth of 12 inches. Rock fragments cover about 75 percent of the surface and are mostly gravels and cobbles.

Permeability of the Tolman soil is moderately slow. Available water capacity is 1 to 2.5 inches. Effective rooting depth is 10 to 20 inches. The organic matter content of the surface layer is 1 to 2 percent. Runoff is very high and the hazard of water erosion is moderate

Rock outcrop consists of barren or nearly barren exposures of andesite, latite and trachyte.

This unit is used for wildlife habitat, livestock grazing, watershed and recreation.

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Table FOR-1.--Forestland Management

Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map unit	haul roads and	Suitability fo log landings	r	Soil rutting hazard 		
				Rating class and limiting features			
220: Hesperus	45	Stoniness Slope		Strength	1.00		11.00
Zillion	İ	 Severe Restrictive layer Slope Strength	11.00	Slope Strength			1.00
229: Skyview	İ	Restrictive layer Slope Strength	1.00 0.50 0.50	Slope Strength 	1.00		1.00
Syrett		 Moderate Slope	0.50	 Poorly suited Slope		 Slight Strength	0.10
234: Syrett	35		 1.00	1	1.00 1.00	 	
Paunsaugunt	 - 30 	 Severe Slope Restrictive layer	 1.00 1.00	 Poorly suited Slope 		 Moderate Strength 	0.50
Ustorthents				 Poorly suited Slope	 1.00	 Moderate Strength	0.50
236: Buffmeyer	45	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	Slope	1.00	 Severe Horizon table contains no data 	
Rogert	- 20 	 Severe Slope	1.00	 Poorly suited Slope	1.00	 Slight Strength	0.10
Sawpit	- 20	Slope Restrictive layer	1.00	Strength	 1.00 0.50 		1.00

Table FOR-1.--Forestland Management--Continued

and soil name	Pct. of map unit	construction of haul roads and	f	Suitability fo log landings	r	Soil rutting hazard 		
	 	Rating class and limiting features		Rating class and limiting features			Value 	
240A:	1]				1	
Sawdust	60 	Slight 		Moderately suited Slope		Slight Strength	0.10	
Shawa, calcareous	 20 	 Moderate Strength 	0.50				1.00	
277: Zillion		Horizon table contains no data	1.00 1.00	Slope Horizon table	1.00 1.00	 Severe Horizon table contains no data 		
Hesperus		Horizon table contains no data	 1.00 	Slope Horizon table	 1.00 1.00	contains no data	1 1.00	
282: Tolman, dry	 60 	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	1	 1.00 1.00	 Severe Horizon table contains no data 		
Rock Outcrop (andesite, Latite And Trachyte)	 20 	 - Not rated -	 	 Not rated 		 Not rated 		
P49: Frandsen		 Moderate Strength 				Strength	1 1.00	
P97: Neto				 Moderately suited Strength		 Severe Strength	1.00	
Small Depressions	2	 Severe Horizon table contains no data	11.00		1.00	 Severe Horizon table contains no data	1.00	
P162: Wiggler	. 45 	Slope		Slope	 1.00	 Slight Strength 	0.10	
Guben	40			 Poorly suited Slope 	 1.00	 Slight Strength 	0.10	

Table FOR-2.--Forestland Management--Continued

Map symbol Pc and soil name o ma un		or off-trail eros:		 Hazard of erosion on roads and trails 		 Suitability for roads (natural surface) 		
	 	 Rating class and limiting features 		 Rating class and limiting features		 Rating class and limiting features 		
Shawa, calcareous	20			 Moderate Slope/erodibility 			 0.50 0.50	
277: Zillion	50	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	 Severe Horizon table contains no data	1.00 	i -	11.00	
	 	Slope/erodibility Slope/erodibility		I		Horizon table contains no data 	1.00 	
Hesperus	35	Horizon table	1.00	 Severe Horizon table	1.00	 Poorly suited Slope	 1.00	
	1	contains no data Slope/erodibility	0.98		1.00	 Horizon table contains no data	11.00	
282: Tolman, dry	60	Horizon table contains no data Slope/erodibility 	 1.00 0.98	 Severe Horizon table contains no data Slope/erodibility	1.00	İ	1.00	
Rock Outcrop (andesite, Latite And Trachyte)	20	Slope/erodibility Not rated 	 	Slope/erodibility Not rated 	 	 Not rated 		
P49: Frandsen	100			 Moderate Slope/erodibility 			 0.50 0.50	
P97: Neto	 98 			 Slight Slope/erodibility		 Moderately suited Strength	10.50	
Small Depressions	 2 		1.00	 Severe Horizon table contains no data	1.00	 Poorly suited Horizon table contains no data	11.00	
P162: Wiggler	45			 Severe Slope/erodibility		 Poorly suited Slope	1.00	
Guben	40			 Severe Slope/erodibility		 Poorly suited Slope	1.00	
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Table FOR-3.--Forestland Management

Map symbol and soil name	 Pct. of map unit	hand planting		Suitability fo mechanical plant		 Suitability for use of harvesting equipment 		
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	
220: Hesperus 4		 Well suited		 Moderately suited Slope	0.50	 Moderately suited Strength	0.50	
Zillion		 Unsuited Restrictive layer			0.50	 Moderately suited Strength 	 0.50	
229: Skyview	45	 Unsuited Restrictive layer 	1.00	 Unsuited Slope 			0.50	
Syrett	- 40	 Well suited 		 Unsuited Slope		 Moderately suited Slope	0.50	
234: Syrett	 - 35 	Horizon table contains no data	1	 Unsuited Slope Horizon table contains no data	11.00	contains no data	1.00	
Paunsaugunt	- 30 	 Unsuited Restrictive layer Slope	1.00	 Unsuited Slope 	1.00	 Poorly suited Slope 	11.00	
Ustorthents	- 20 	Restrictive layer	 0.75 0.50	Slope	1.00	 Poorly suited Slope 	1.00	
236: Buffmeyer	 - - 45 -	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	Slope Horizon table	11.00	contains no data	1.00	
Rogert	İ	Restrictive layer			ĺ l	 Moderately suited Slope 	0.50	
Sawpit	- i 20	 Moderately suited Slope 	 0.50 	 Unsuited Slope 			11.00	
240A: Sawdust	- 60 	 Well suited] 	 Moderately suited Slope	0.50	 Well suited 		

Table FOR-3.--Forestland Management--Continued

Map symbol and soil name		hand planting		Suitability for mechanical plants 		 Suitability for use of harvesting equipment 		
 		Rating class and limiting features		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	
 Shawa,calcareous	20	Well suited		 Moderately suited Slope		 Moderately suited Strength	 0.50	
77: Zillion	50	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	contains no data	1.00	
Hesperus	35	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	contains no data	 1.00 1.00	
82: Tolman,dry	60	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	Horizon table contains no data	1.00 	contains no data	1.00	
Rock Outcrop (andesite, Latite And Trachyte)	20	Not rated		 Not rated 		! - Not rated -		
49: Frandsen	100	 Well suited 	 	! Moderately suited Slope	 0.50	 Moderately suited Strength	0.50	
97: Neto	98	 Well suited 		 Well suited 		 Moderately suited Strength	0.50	
Small Depressions	2	 Unsuited Horizon table contains no data	1.00	 Unsuited Horizon table contains no data	11.00	 Poorly suited Horizon table contains no data	1.00	
v162: Wiggler	45		0.50	Slope		,	1.00	
Guben	40		0.50	Slope	 - 1.00 0.50	 Poorly suited Slope 	1.00	

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Table FOR-4.--Forestland Management

Map symbol and soil name	 Pct. of map unit	preparation (surfa	Suitability for mechanical site preparation (deep)		
	 	Rating class and limiting features			Value
220: Hesperus	 45	 Poorly suited Slope	0.50	 Poorly suited Slope	 0.50
Zillion	40			 Poorly suited Slope	10.50
229: Skyview		 Poorly suited Slope	 0.50	Poorly suited Slope	0.50
Syrett	40			 Poorly suited Slope	0.50
234: Syrett	35	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	contains no data	1.00
Paunsaugunt	30		1.00	 Unsuited Slope	1.00
Ustorthents	20			 Unsuited Slope	1.00
236: Buffmeyer	45	Horizon table contains no data	11.00	contains no data	1.00
Rogert	20	 Poorly suited Slope		 Poorly suited Slope	0.50
Sawpit	20			 Unsuited Slope	1.00
240A: Sawdust	60	 Well suited		 Well suited	
Shawa, calcareous	20	Well suited	į	Well suited	į
277: Zillion	50	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	contains no data	1.00

Table FOR-4.--Forestland Management--Continued

				Suitability for mechanical site preparation (deep)		
	 			Rating class and limiting features		
Hesperus	 35 	Unsuited Horizon table contains no data Slope	1.00	contains no data		
282: Tolman,dry	60	Horizon table contains no data	1.00	 Unsuited Horizon table contains no data Slope		
Rock Outcrop (andesite, Latite And Trachyte)	20	 Not rated 		 Not rated 		
P49: Frandsen	100	 Well suited		 Well suited	! 	
P97: Neto	98	 Well suited		 		
Small Depressions	2	 Unsuited Horizon table contains no data	1.00	 Unsuited Horizon table contains no data		
P162: Wiggler	 45 	 Unsuited Slope		 Unsuited Slope	1.00	
Guben	40	 Unsuited Slope 		 Unsuited Slope 	1.00	

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and soil name	 Pct. of map unit	to soil by fire		Potential for seedling mortality		
	 	 Rating class and limiting features 	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	
220: Hesperus	 45			 Moderate Soil reaction	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
Zillion	 40 		0.10	 Low 		
229: Skyview	 45 	 Low Texture/coarse fragments	0.10	İ	0.50	
Syrett	 40 			İ	 0.50 0.50	
234: Syrett	 35 	Horizon table	11.00	 High Horizon table contains no data	1 .00	
Paunsaugunt	 30 	 Moderate Texture/slope/sur face depth/coarse fragments 		 	 0.50 0.50	
Ustorthents	20	 None 			 0.50 0.50	
236: Buffmeyer	 45 	 High Horizon table contains no data	1.00	 High Horizon table contains no data	1.00	
Rogert	20	 Low Texture/coarse fragments		 Moderate Lime 	0.50	
Sawpit	 20 			İ	 0.50 0.50	

Table FOR-5.--Forestland Management--Continued

240A: Sawdust	 60 20	 Moderate		Rating class and	Value
Sawdust 6 Shawa, calcareous 2 277: Zillion 5 Hesperus 3	20	Texture/coarse			1
277: Zillion 5 Hesperus 3					0.50
Zillion 5 Hesperus 3		 Low Texture/coarse fragments	0.10	 Moderate Lime 	 0.50
282:	50	Horizon table	 1.00	Soil reaction - High Horizon table contains no data	0.50 1.00
		Horizon table	11.00	 High Horizon table contains no data	 1.00
		Horizon table	11.00 i	 High Horizon table contains no data	1.00
Rock Outcrop (andesite, Latite And Trachyte) 2	20	 Not rated 	 	 Not rated	
P49: Frandsen10	00	 None 		Moderate Soil reaction	 0.50
P97: Neto 9 	98 	 Low Texture/coarse fragments	0.10 	!	 1.00
Small Depressions 2	2	Horizon table	1.00	Lime High Horizon table contains no data	0.50 1.00
P162: Wiggler 4 		Texture/slope/coa			 0.50
Guben 4	10			Soil reaction	10.50